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July 29, 2004

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION
LAWRENCE WALK - VAL VERDE PARK
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find this action categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Find pursuant to Section 8331 (a) and (b) of the California Streets and Highways Code that:
 - a. The street or highway has been impassable for vehicular and pedestrian traffic for five consecutive years.
 - b. No public monies were expended for the maintenance of the street during that period.
3. Find pursuant to Section 8334(a) of the Streets and Highways Code that the street right of way is excess and not required for street or highway purposes.
4. Find pursuant to Section 892 of the Streets and Highways Code that the street to be vacated is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility or needed for present or prospective public use.

5. Adopt the enclosed Resolution of Summary Vacation to vacate that portion of Lawrence Walk, southwest of Hunstock Avenue, as described in Exhibit "A" and depicted in Exhibit "B" of the Resolution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Mr. Robert Kirkwood, with approval from all the adjoining property owners, requested this vacation to extinguish the public's rights over the unimproved road. He owns several properties that are separated by this paper road. He is planning on consolidating these parcels into three developable lots. The substandard road width, setback requirements, and existing topography make the road impractical to build. The vacation of the unimproved road will not have a negative impact on adjacent property or the County Highway Plan. No existing public utility easements will be affected by the proposed vacation.

In September 1924, Lawrence Walk was dedicated to the County for public road purposes but never constructed or used as a public road. It is in the County's interest to vacate the street since it no longer serves the purpose for which it was dedicated and is not required for public access, circulation, or for bicycle paths or trails.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility as the vacation of this portion of Lawrence Walk will result in added revenue through assessment and taxation, eliminate unnecessary maintenance cost, and remove possible County exposure to liability.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Vacation of the street will not have a negative fiscal impact on the County's budget. The applicant has paid a fee of \$1,000 to defray the expense of the investigation. The fee was authorized by your Board in a Resolution adopted May 4, 1982, Synopsis 62 (Fee Schedule), and as prescribed in Section 8321(d) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The area to be vacated contains approximately 4,229 square feet and is shown on the map attached to the Resolution.

The County's interest was acquired as an easement for road purposes by dedication on the map of Tract No. 8673, recorded in Book 104, pages 25 and 26, of Maps on file in the Office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles.

The vacation of Lawrence Walk is conditioned upon the applicant executing an affidavit consolidating/merging Lots 197 and 198; Lots 199, 200, 255, 256, and 257; and Lots 248 through 253, inclusive, into three individual parcels. Mr. Kirkwood has agreed to reduce the number of saleable and buildable parcels available to provide limited development in the region.

The Public Streets and Highways Code and the Service Easement Vacation Law allow your Board to voluntarily relinquish the County's interest over the unimproved road. Adoption by your Board of our recommendation terminates the rights of the public to use the vacated area and disposes of unnecessary County right of way. This action will also result in the property being unencumbered of the public easement, thereby allowing the underlying fee owners to exercise their reversionary rights over the vacated area.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

With respect to requirements of CEQA, this proposed vacation is categorically exempt as specified in Classes 4, 5, 12, and 21 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, Synopsis 57, and Sections 15304, 15305, 15312, and 15321 of the State CEQA Statutes and Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department has found that no fire protection facilities will be affected by the proposed vacation. The County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission has determined that the proposed vacation does not conflict with the County-adopted General Plan and that the proposed vacation area is not suitable for bicycle paths or trails.

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CONCLUSION

This action is in the County's best interest. Enclosed are two Resolutions of Summary Vacation, approved as to form by County Counsel. Upon adoption of the Resolution, please return one executed original and a copy to this office for further processing. We will record the Resolution and return the executed original Resolution to you when recorded. In the interim, please retain one executed copy for your files.

One approved copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

CVC: bw
P5:1793CBRDLTR

Enc.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that it is hereby found and determined that the portion of Lawrence Walk, southwest of Hunstock Avenue, legally described in Exhibit "A", and as shown by the map in Exhibit "B", both attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, which right of way is located in the vicinity of Val Verde Park, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, is no longer needed for present or prospective public use based upon the following facts: (1) that the subject right of way (street) has been impassable for vehicular traffic for five consecutive years and that no public monies were expended for maintenance on the right of way during that period; (2) that the right of way is excess and not required for street or highway purposes; and (3) that the right of way is not required for public access, circulation, or for bicycle paths or trails.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the right of way in, over, and across said property, for street and highway purposes, and legally described in Exhibit "A" is hereby vacated pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 3, Division 9, of the Streets and Highways Code, State of California, commencing with Section 8330.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works be authorized to record the certified original Resolution in the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles, at which time the area vacated will no longer be a public highway/easement.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 20____, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts.

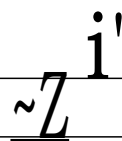
VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

APPROVED AS TO FORM

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By

Deputy



Deputy

EXHIBIT "A"

**LAWRENCE WALK SOUTHWEST OF HUNSTOCK AVENUE
(M0488111)**

That portion of LAWRENCE WALK, 15 feet wide, in the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, as shown on and dedicated to the public use by map of Tract No. 8673, recorded in Book 104, pages 25 and 26, of Maps, in the office of the Recorder of County of Los Angeles, bounded on the northeast by a line parallel with and 5 feet southwesterly, measured at right angles from the southwesterly side line of Hunstock Avenue (formerly known as Park Avenue), 30 feet wide, as shown on said map, and bounded southwest by a line which bears at right angles from the northwesterly line of Lot 253, said tract, and which passes through the most westerly corner of said lot.

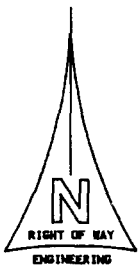
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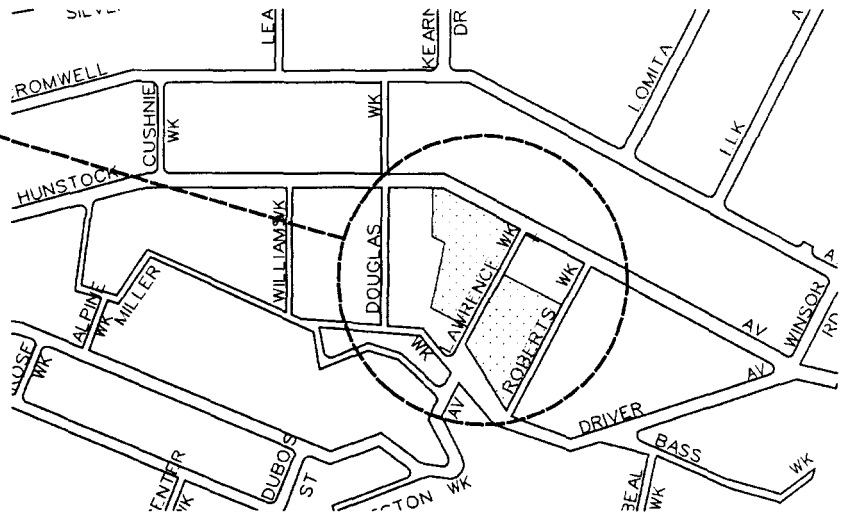
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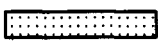
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**SUBJECT
LOCATION**



LEGEND



Properties own by
Applicant



Area to be vacated

Total Area 3,964 ± s.f.

REVISIONS

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MAPPING & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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**LAWRENCE WALK
SW/O
HUNSTOCK AVE**

DRAWING NO.
M0488119

SCALE
NONE

DATE
2-26-04

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